

Protect Our Care Michigan, Attorney General Dana Nessel Condemn Disastrous Decision in *Texas v. United States*, Urge Supreme Court to Take Up Case Immediately

*Access to health care for millions of Michiganders hangs in the balance after
Circuit Court ruling to undermine Affordable Care Act*

LANSING - Today, Attorney General **Dana Nessel**, the Michigan League for Public Policy and patient advocates joined Protect Our Care Michigan state Director **Dianne Byrum** for a roundtable discussion to denounce the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals' [decision](#) in the *Texas vs. United States* lawsuit.

The partisan lawsuit to dismantle the Affordable Care Act is a devastating blow to Michiganders, particularly seniors, patients with pre-existing conditions and those who rely on the Healthy Michigan Plan, who could lose their access to quality, affordable health insurance. During the conversation, participants also praised Reps. **Elissa Slotkin** and **Haley Stevens** for their work to protect the Affordable Care Act, and Michiganders' access to health insurance.

"I'd like to thank everyone who participated in today's roundtable for sharing their perspectives and urging the U.S. Supreme Court to take up this case without delay," said Byrum. "Protect Our Care is leading the fight to protect and strengthen health care and stop the relentless Republican war on the Affordable Care Act. This is a very serious issue facing every American and I commend U.S. Reps. Elissa Slotkin and Haley Stevens for fighting in Washington D.C. to protect our health care."

"The Affordable Care Act provides significant protections for Michigan residents, including the expansion of Medicaid – which provides coverage to nearly seven percent of our population, the guarantee of coverage for pre-existing conditions, and the extension of health insurances to young adults under the age of 26 who are covered through their parents' employers. All of that will go away if we don't fight for it at every turn," said Nessel. "Seniors are counting on us to keep the donut hole closed; women are counting on us to keep their rates at the same level men pay, not 50 percent more; rural hospitals are counting on us to protect them from being stuck with \$1.9 billion in uncompensated care – and nearly half of the people who live in our state will have to start paying for preventive care like mammograms and flu shots. Finally, if we do not act – and if we are not successful in our efforts – insurance companies will be allowed to put lifetime and annual caps on coverage, putting profit before people."

"The Healthy Michigan Plan has been a highly successful, truly bipartisan program that continues to improve the health of more than half a million Michiganders, creating thousands and thousands of jobs and benefiting our economy at the same time," said **Gilda Jacobs**,

president and CEO of the Michigan League for Public Policy. “Losing this program and all of the benefits to our state and our people that it provides would be one of the many devastating consequences of the elimination of the Affordable Care Act, and we hope the U.S. Supreme Court will act quickly to prevent that from happening.”

“My colleagues and I have an obligation, a responsibility and most importantly, the authority to continue to push this issue to ensure these protections for everyone,” said Nessel.

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